

SENATE RESOLUTION 34

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A RESOLUTION congratulating the owner, agents, and employees of John Green and Company Realtors on the celebration of the company's thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this Body are proud to recognize those long-standing businesses that have made an indelible impact upon the economic well-being of their communities and this State throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, John Green and Company Realtors in Collierville is one such company, which will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary on March 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, since founding his real estate company on Collierville's town square in 1979, John Green has cultivated a business that is widely known for its dedication to the highest tenets of community stewardship; and

WHEREAS, John Green, a native of Brookersville, Florida, who gained a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Florida in 1963, first moved to Tennessee in 1966 as an employee of Buckeye Cellulose; and

WHEREAS, he obtained his real estate license in 1968 and worked in the industry for two years before returning to Buckeye Cellulose in 1970. After a transfer to Alberta, Canada, in 1972, Mr. Green returned with his family to Tennessee in 1977, armed with a new determination to forge a career in real estate; and

WHEREAS, John Green and Company Realtors was founded in 1979 and, over the past thirty years, the company has grown from a one-man office into a company with more than fifty agents and full-time relocation and commercial departments which consistently ranks as one of the top ten real estate companies in the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green has cultivated a top-notch atmosphere by consistently hiring the finest, most qualified people, including office manager Jane Craig, who joined the company in 1980, relocation director Betty Clayton, who joined in 1985, receptionist and manager of advertising and purchasing Sandra Howard, who joined in 1989, and sales manager Kirby Oldham, who joined in 1995; and

WHEREAS, John Green considers the decisions of his sons, Allen and Michael, to join the company to be two of the high points of his professional career. Allen joined in 1995 and Michael in 1998; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the Collierville community, Mr. Green has volunteered his time and energies to a number of civic and professional organizations, including the Collierville Rotary Club, of which he is a past president and by which he was named as a Paul Harris Fellow. He has demonstrated his leadership abilities as the chair of several organizations and a member of several boards; and

WHEREAS, he is unwavering in his belief in the importance of education and feels that his greatest contributions to Collierville are his founding of the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in 1986 and his founding of the Collierville Education Foundation in 1996; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, John Green has been named the Collierville Person of the Year, garnered the Collierville Education C. H. Harrell Education Award, gained a Lifetime Tennessee State PTA membership, and won the Shelby County Education Association Bill Colvard Friend of Education Award; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of the Germantown Baptist Church, for which he stands as an active deacon; he also serves as a board member of the Biblical Resource Center and Museum; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, the former Marilyn Barnes, whom he met on a blind date in 1996 and married a year later; the couple's blessed union has produced two sons and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, John Green and Company Realtors has provided the finest in real estate services to the good people of Collierville and West Tennessee

and has become an established business in this State, and is thus wholly deserving of formal recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the owner, agents, and employees of John Green and Company Realtors in Collierville on the celebration of the company's thirtieth anniversary and offer our best wishes for the company's continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.